

Remarks

This Reply is considered fully responsive to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2007. Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-22 are pending in the application. Claims 19-22 stand rejected. Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-18 are allowed. Claims 2 and 11 were canceled previously. Claims 1, 19, 20 and 22 are amended herein. Claim 1 has been amended only to correct an informality. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of claims 19 through 22 are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claims 1, 3-10 and 12-18 are allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,751,756 to Hartnett et al. (“Hartnett”). In view of the amendments to claim 19, Applicants respectfully submit this rejection is moot. That is, claim 19 has been amended to recite that 1) the command is received through a sequencer, 2) the sequencer is programmed to interrupt a co-processor before executing the command, and 3) a set of instructions is executed comprising reprogramming the sequencer so that it is prevented from entering a reselection phase to re-establish a connection across a small computer system interface bus. Hartnett fails to disclose this combination of features, and for at least this reason reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19 and allowance of claim 19 is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. 2003/0226062 to Gender et al. (“Gender”). In view of the amendments to independent claims 20 and 22, Applicants respectfully submit this rejection is moot. That is, claims 20 and 22 have been amended to recite that 1) the command is received through a sequencer, 2) the sequencer is programmed to interrupt a co-processor before executing the command, and 3) a set of instructions is executed comprising reprogramming the sequencer so that it is prevented from entering a reselection phase to re-establish a connection across a small computer system interface bus. Gender fails to disclose this combination of features, and for at least this reason

reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20 and 22 (and claim 21 that depends from claim 20) and allowance of claims 20-22 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe no other fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3199 as necessary.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney. If the Examiner believes any issues could be resolved via a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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